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A UNIVERSITY BILL MANDATING AFFILIATION WITH THE WORKERS RIGHTS CONSORTIUM AND THE DESIGNATED SUPPLIERS PROGRAM

Whereas, the University mission statement's shared values holds that the University identify and respond to the economic, social and cultural challenges affecting the quality of life in Houston, the state of Texas and the world;

Whereas, the University has obligation to ensure that garments that are licensed to use the University of Houston logo are manufactured under safe, just and healthy working conditions, including no child labor, no forced labor, wages that, at a minimum, meet workers' basic needs, and respect the right to organize and bargain collectively;

Whereas, the University has the right to require suppliers to ensure that the products they provide are made by manufactures who abide by international labor rights and human rights standards and site-of-production laws and regulations and the right to require disclosure of the names and addresses of the factories and/or confirmation of independent monitoring of factories;

Whereas, the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) is an independent labor rights monitoring agency governed by students, university administrators and labor experts with 177 college and school affiliates;

Whereas, the Designated Supplier's Program (DSP) is a comprehensive program for enhancing the enforcement of university codes of conduct that 37 universities have signed on to;

Whereas, affiliation with the WRC and adoption of the DSP will reflect positively on the University and its students, by setting an example in the community and furthering education about the connection between institutional purchasing practices and global labor conditions;

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the 44th Student Government Association at the University of Houston:

Section 1: The University will affiliate with the Workers Right Consortium.

Section 2: The University will sign on to the Designated Supplier's Program.